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Preface: Special Issue for the Workshops on Study of Family-run Farming

This collection of papers represents selected works from two workshops on study of family-run farming held on 20 March 2015 and 17 March 2016 at the Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto University. Both workshops were organised by the Division of Natural Resource Economics, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, Social Sciences and Humanities Subunit of JGP (Japan Gateway: Kyoto University Top Global Program) in cooperation with Agropolis International in France and Goettingen University in Germany.

The title of 1st workshop on study of family-run farming was "Varied Forms, Roles and Conditions for Sustainability of Family Farming". It aimed to exchange knowledge not only about the current situation but also relevant policies and the social understanding of family-run farming in France, Germany, Japan and developing countries.

The second workshop was entitled "Theoretical Framework for Comparative Analysis on Family Farming". The objective was to discuss and propose innovative theoretical frameworks for comparative analysis on family farming in transitions in developed and developing worlds, including Europe (France and Germany), Asia (Japan and China) and Africa. Proposed theoretical insights are expected to serve as foundation to illuminate uniqueness and commonalities in changes and transitions of family-run farms in struggle to cope with and adapt to global socio-economic changes.

The organiser invited all presenters of these workshops to submit papers or summaries. As a result, two papers, three working papers and four summaries have been contributed to this special issue.

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